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DIST: EMBASSY.

IN CONVERSATION WITH [ ] ON EVENING 20 MAY HE MADE  
FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WITH RESPECT BREAK RELATIONS NICARAGUA-  
GUATEMALA AND ARRIVAL ARMS CARGO AT PUERTO BARRIOS:

A. CONCERNING NICARAGUA'S ACTION VENEZUELAN GOVT  
ADOPTING WAIT AND SEE POLICY BEFORE BECOMING INVOLVED IN CONTRO-  
VERSY.

B. FELT DEVELOPMENT WOULD MOST LIKELY RESULT IN POST-  
PONEMENT EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS GUAT AND VENEZUELA.

C. SEES EVENTS GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA AS IN-  
DICATION BOLD INITIATIVE SOVIETS WHILE DEMOCRACIES STAND BY  
DOING NOTHING. PREDICTS PANAMA ALSO IN FOR TROUBLE WITH BANANA  
STRIKE MOST LIKELY.

D. WITH RESPECT ARMS CARGO HE COMMENTED U.S. MUST TAKE  
LEAD IN CALLING FOR MEETING OF MINISTERS. SAID VENEZUELAN GOVT  
WOULD WELCOME SUCH ACTION BUT INITIATIVE MUST COME FROM U.S. AS

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ONLY COUNTRY WHICH CAN SUPPLY NECESSARY LEADERSHIP. HE BELIEVED  
SIMILAR FEELINGS EXISTS OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES EXCEPT  
MEXICO, ARGENTINA AND COSTA RICA.

E. SAID GUAT ARGUMENT IT HAD TO BUY ARMS WHERE IT  
COULD, NOT SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION SATELLITE ORIGIN ARMS PUR-  
CHASED SINCE OTHER SOURCES SPECIFICALLY BELGIUM WERE OPEN TO  
THEM.

END OF MESSAGE.

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: TREATED AS RYBAT/PBSUCCESS.

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